

Edgar's Beary Good News

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"She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue."

Proverbs 31:26

Weekly Update

Hello! I hope all of you enjoyed your three-day weekend. We had a short but very busy week. I know that I've super enjoyed the sunshine the last few weeks. I hope you all have been enjoying it, too, because I think we're headed toward some really wet days! Remember, that we DO NOT allow umbrellas in Kindergarten. Please make sure your child has a rain resistant jacket/coat with a hood for these rainy days. (Umbrellas become weapons either intentionally or by accident at this age.) Thank you for your cooperation on this! Also, thank you all so much for sending in the supplies for our little snow people! The kids had a blast making them! It was a great way to finish our week. ☺

Report Cards

Hello! It's that time of the year again—Report Card time! I am pleased and impressed with our kiddos. I want to let you know that if you have any questions about your child's report card, I would be more than happy to set up a time to talk in person or even over the phone. They've learned a lot this quarter!

If your child's grade dropped a little bit this quarter, don't be too concerned. We learned a lot of new concepts this quarter, and some of the kids may need just a little extra practice to master it. Please keep in mind that while we do practice and work together in class over all new concepts and review learned concepts on a regular basis, the true secret to your child's progress and success is the practice you do with them at home. It is especially vital that each child practices reading and math concepts every night. Find your child's strengths and build on them, but especially find his weaknesses and make them stronger.

Community Helpers

Over the next few weeks, we will be studying our community helpers. Community Helpers means firemen, policemen, construction men, doctors, nurses, real estate brokers, soldiers, and basically anything else that people do to help the community. We would love to have some of our very own parents come to share how they help in our community. I've had two volunteers, but I'd love to have more! ☺ It is only a 10-20 minute talk, and you will get an hour HIS club time. Feel free to bring props or other things to get and keep the children's attention. If you are interested in coming to talk to the class about your job, please send a note or call me to set up a date and time. I am very flexible with times. ☺

School-Wide Valentine

Now, I know that it was sent with a cover letter, but I wanted to put a little of my own "umph" behind the letter. **Our goal is 100% participation for all of elementary.** All of the Valentines to your children will be placed in or around the window of our room. It really is a pretty picture for our room! Since I'm putting them in my window, please only put your child's first name OR picture on the valentine. **DO NOT** put both picture and name, and **DO NOT** put last names on them at all. (This is just a safety precaution.) If you do choose to put your child's picture AND name on the front of the Valentine, I will not be able to put it in the window (they will go around it instead). Remember, **NO LAST NAMES** on the valentines, please. Please take the time to do this special project because all the students ask where theirs is, and I don't want to tell any of them that he doesn't have one. (We also use it for something special at the end of the year as well!) Remember Monday, January 30th is the due-date! I can't wait to see them all!

Spell-A-Thon

The days are ticking to the big spelling test. Keep practicing the lists, and I'm looking forward to seeing how the kids do. Just to let you know, I will be saying the words for the test in this way: cat, c-a-t, cat. I can only say each word three times. Please practice this way with your child to avoid him/her getting frustrated the day of the test. Remember that every child who gets a 100% on his dress gets a free dress pass. ☺ I hope the kids are excited about getting all of their pledges. As extra added incentive, I am going to have a few little contests for my class. Remember, we have the sponsor contest going on (10—time on the big playground, 15—chewing gum in class, 20—hot chocolate). Please note that each sponsor needs to be a different person. For example, mom can sponsor and dad can sponsor, but mom can't sponsor more than once. ☺ Also, we have the contest of the child that gets the most pledges (number) and the child that gets the most money donated will get a McDonald's Lunch with me (my treat, of course). And I've decided add another incentive. If the whole class gets 200 hundred sponsors or more, we will earn a bubble and chalk party! If you have any questions, please be sure to let me know. Thanks for your help!

Box Top Update!

We are very close to our class goal! We currently have 128 sheets! Awesome work guys! We need 22 more to reach our class goal! Remember, I'm doing the contest this month for individual students as well. If a child turns in 5 sheets, they earn lunch with me (I provide dessert); and if a child turns in 10 sheets, I treat them to a McDonalds lunch! So, get those sheets turned in. Remember, all sheets **HAVE** to be in by January 31st to count toward this month!

Science Night

On February 7th, Elementary is having their Open House/Science Night. Next week we will be working on our Class Science Project in the afternoons. Part of this project involves finger-painting. To avoid ruining school clothes, **please send in an old, large t-shirt (like one of Daddy's) with your child this Monday, January 23rd**. I love finger-paint, but I don't want the kids to ruin their clothes. It would be very sad for a child to miss out on this fun project because he has no "paint shirt."

Important Dates

January 20th—55 Club Day!

January 27th—Friendship Day (Multicultural Study)

January 30th—Hearts of Love (Valentine to your child) are due!

January 31st—Field Trip to the Play *Peter Rabbit* (At VPAT) AND last day to turn in Box Tops!!!!

February 2nd—KR (formerly EK) Visit to Kindergarten

February 3rd—Spell-A-Thon Test!

February 7th—We do chapel! And VCES Open House/Science Night

February 14—Valentine's Day Party

Memory Verse

"But the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father what my father has commanded me."

John 14:31

Next Week's Learning Skills

Bible—Jesus is perfect and He comes to do His Father's work

Phonics—long vowels, two vowel words, special sounds

Numbers—learning about $\frac{1}{2}$, number recognition 1-100, counting, money

Writing—Lower and Capital letters

Science/Social Studies—Community helpers, Winter and beginning to work on our Color Science Project! ☺

Thanks so much for reading this! Stay dry and have a great weekend! ☺

Love, Mrs. Edgar ☺